The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, April 14, 2008 in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The Commissioners met in Executive Session in Conference Room 1A at 9:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. President Altman called the public session to order at 1:59 p.m. and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Dillinger motioned to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008 and March 28, 2008. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Executive Session Memoranda**

Dillinger motioned to approve the Executive Session Memoranda (2) of April 14, 2008. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Bid Opening**

#### **Annual Lawn and Landscaping Services**

Mr. Michael Howard opened the bids for 2008 Lawn and Landscaping Service. Form 96, Non-collusion Affidavit, Bid Bond, Financial Statement and Acknowledgment of Addendum are included unless otherwise specified. Base bids are 1) BAM Outdoor, Inc. - \$69,844.69. 2) Noll Landscape - \$104,040.83, no Bid Bond apparent. 3) Jay-Crew - \$88,863.00. Howard referred the bids to Scott Warner for review and recommendation later today. Dillinger so moved. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Highway Business**

### **Bridge #133 Condemnation of Parcel 02**

Dillinger motioned to amend the highway agenda to include condemnation of Parcel 02, Charles C. McMillan and Dorothy O. McMillan in Wayne Township. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Neal requested permission to proceed with condemnation of Parcel 02 for Bridge #133, 186<sup>th</sup> Street over Stony Creek in Wayne Township. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Open Road Cut Permits**

Neal requested approval of Open Road Cut Permit – RDCUT 2008-002 – AT&T Indiana 450' west of Westfield Boulevard on 106<sup>th</sup> Street for fiber connection to a new sub station. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit – Highway Department

Neal requested acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit for the highway department. 1) HCHD #B-07-0010 – State Auto Insurance Companies License or Permit Bond #6927443 issued on behalf of Wills Excavating, inc. in the sum of \$25,000 for road General Contracting to expire March 21, 2009. 2) HCHD #B-08-0007 – Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Subdivision Bond #5032356 issued on behalf of East Carmel, LLC in the sum of \$5,000 for work in the county right of way. 3) HCHD #B-08-0008 – Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland License or Permit Bond #LPM7598819 issued on behalf of Central Engineering & Construction Associates, Inc. in the sum of \$25,000 for Blank Bond for road cuts on county roads or work within county right of way to expire March 10, 2009. 4) HCHD #B-08-0009 – Fidelity and Deposit Companies Annual Permit Bond #LPM7590553 issued on behalf of Gradex, Inc. and Affiliate in the sum of \$25,000 for Blanket Road Cut to expire April 13, 2009. 5) HCHD #B-08-0010 – Ohio Farmers Insurance Company Performance Bond #0027197 issued on behalf of The Airmarking Company, Inc., Rochester, Indiana in the sum of \$5,000 for annual bid Category 8F, Epoxy Painted Markings and Category 8G Raised Pavement Markings to expire March 1, 2010. 6) HCHD #B-08-0011 – Western Surety Company Supply Bond #70480656 issued on behalf of American Timber Bridge & Culvert, Inc. in the sum of \$5,000 for Pre-engineered, treated timber bridge, culvert, salt storage building packages and components for the term beginning March 19, 2008 and ending September 19, 2009. 7) HCHD #B-08-0012 – Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Subdivision Bond #5032355 issued on behalf of East Carmel LLC in the sum of \$5,000 for construction entrance. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Agreements/Supplements** [2:09]

# Small Structure #33010 Utility Agreement – Duke Energy

Neal requested approval of a Non Reimbursable Utility Agreement, HCHD #M-08-0017, with Duke Energy for Small Structure #33010, 246<sup>th</sup> Street over Sugar Run Creek. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Small Structure #31002 Engineering Agreement No. 3

Neal requested approval of Supplemental Engineering Agreement No. 3, HCHD #E-04-0009, with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for Small Structure #31002, 216<sup>th</sup> Street over Finley Creek. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **A&F Engineering Agreement**

Neal requested approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1, HCHD #E-05-0012, with A&F Engineering Co., LLC hourly agreement. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Concurrence with Traffic Study Correspondence**

Neal requested approval of the list of correspondence concerning investigations of requests for signage on Hamilton County Roads. 1) Roy Conner regarding a street light on Cherry Tree Road and SR 32 in Noblesville Township. The highway department's response is that they do not install street lights and he should contact local businesses or Homeowners Association. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Small Structures #33063 and #332011**

Neal requested approval and signature on the Title Sheets for Small Structure #33063, Fall Road over Sugar Run Creek and Small Structure #32011, 231<sup>st</sup> Street over Bear Slide Creek. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Permission to Advertise**

# **Contract Resurface 08-1, Various Roads in Clay and Fall Creek Townships**

Neal requested permission to advertise Contract Resurface 08-1, Various Roads in Clay and Fall Creek Townships. Bids will be opened May 12, 2008. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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# **Acceptance of Right of Way**

#### The Legacy Project

Neal requested acceptance of right of way from Personal Investments, LLC and East Carmel, LLC for The Legacy project on 146<sup>th</sup> Street and River Road. This will bring the right of way to thoroughfare requirements and to extinguish their ingress and egress rights at points previously agreed to with the developer. Holt asked about the cuts on River Road? Neal stated those are outside the county's jurisdiction, they are Carmel's. Holt stated didn't we discuss that the intersection is the county's to control and we don't want to get into a Herriman Boulevard type situation on River Road? Neal stated he recalls the conversation; based on the site plans they have nothing that comes that close. That is one of the major thru streets of the development. Howard asked if we have asked Carmel about using the same language about extinguishment of access a reasonable length out of there? Neal stated no, but he will contact their engineering department. Howard asked if this dedication includes the right of way we are talking about? Neal stated they don't include anything on River Road. Altman asked if it will affect our decision on access on 146<sup>th</sup> Street if we do not receive cooperation on River Road with their development? They will drive the road cut request, do we want a commitment from them prior to taking official action that they won't request within so many feet of the intersection? Neal stated we have access points at the residential, full access for commercial and the right in and right out. Howard stated we are in as good as shape as we are going to get. Howard stated he would guess that Carmel's platting process would require a sufficient distance. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sheridan Community School Corporation**

Neal requested approval of the dedication of right of way from the Sheridan Community School Building Corporation along Hinsley Road. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Riverwalk Project Update**

Neal stated the groundbreaking ceremony for the Riverwalk will be Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. They are still working with the Indiana American Water Corporation on the relocation of their water main. That line did not show up on the initial Riverwalk survey and the INDOT SR 32 project. Holt asked if they have an easement? Neal stated not that they can find.

## **Highway Meeting**

Mr. Brad Davis stated the highway meeting with the Boone County Commissioners is scheduled for April 25, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at Indianapolis Executive Airport.

#### Federal Aid Bridge Program

Davis stated they will be meeting with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) on April 23, 2008 to present Hamilton County's two (2) bridge submittals for the Federal Aid Bridge Program. One of the projects is Bridge #147, 161<sup>st</sup> Street over Cool Creek in Westfield. Davis will have a pre meeting with Westfield to discuss the development and how it will affect the bridge.

#### **EMA Vehicle**

Altman stated EMA has requested a pool vehicle that would sit at the EMA building. Jasper has been conducting a lot of cross country work and he did not want to put the miles on his personal vehicle. The highway department has a vehicle that was to be put in the annual auction that can be transferred to EMA. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **2008 Federal Appropriation Bills**

Altman stated Senator Lugar's office has requested a reduction of our request for federal aid on 146<sup>th</sup> Street West to \$4 million. Due to an immediate turn around time Altman adapted a letter, as suggested by Jan Powell and sent it to her. Altman requested ratification of her letter. Holt motioned to ratify Altman's action. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **IRTIP**

Altman stated she is concerned about the number of emergency changes IRTIP (Indiana Regional Transportation Improvement Program) they are requesting; we are not getting full discussion. Altman is concerned that IndyGo received a large earmark on a transportation center in downtown Indianapolis from Julia Carson, before she passed. These changes are requesting an allowance from that earmark for demand response vehicles, etc. and she is not comfortable with these requests. Altman would like to ask this Board to vote no or withhold the request. They should be discussed and not an emergency amendment. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Trash in Right of Way

Holt asked Davis if there is a highway department policy on picking up trash? If someone calls and says trash has been dumped in the right of way, does the highway department pick it up? Holt stated someone has dumped trash in the right of way on the east side of the Little Cicero Bridge at 256<sup>th</sup> Street on the south side of the road. Dillinger stated he has received an E-mail asking about the trash along all of the county, city and state roads. Dillinger stated we have a lot of trash along county roads right now. Dillinger asked Sheriff Carter when the inmate clean-up crews will be implemented? Sheriff Carter stated they will start by the end of May. Mr. Bob Davis, Highway Department Superintendent, state they work with the Sheriff's Department when the grass is not being cut on 146<sup>th</sup> Street, the inmates will pick up trash along the roads. When there is major trash the highway department will pick it up but they will not pick up trash along the roads. Dillinger asked if we should hire part-time summer help to pick up trash? Altman stated she hates to have it at taxpayer's expense; this is private property where the trash is sitting. Dillinger stated he is talking about the right of way. Altman stated we don't have right of way, we have edge of pavement. Altman stated Indianapolis has organized a clean-up your neighborhood day; it is too late for Hamilton County to do it this year but she would like to organize such an event for Hamilton County. Dillinger stated he thinks we should do something more such as putting up signs with a phone number people can call if they see trash being dumped. Holt stated community service hours through the Probation Department are thousands of hours and it would make sense to touch base with the community service officer to make sure they understand our needs and interest and the problem could be solved. Altman stated another source is the Work Fairs held by the Township Trustees. Dillinger stated this is a two-part problem; to clean it up and then some kind of signs or some type of prevention. Brad Davis stated there is an ordinance on the books regarding rubbish and debris. Dillinger would like to see signs put up throughout the county. Altman stated the first step is to see if work crews are available and let Probation know of the opportunity for work hours.

Altman stated we need someone in charge and asked Bob Davis to come up with suggestions for the next meeting. Altman asked Howard to look at our current trash ordinance for enforcement.

# **ISSD Purchase Orders** [2:33]

- Ms. BJ Casali requested approval of Purchase Orders for the ISS Department.
- 1) Five (5) Dell Lattitude laptops at a cost of \$8,095.15. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Panasonic multi-function printer for use in the ISS Department. Cost is \$9,000. This will replace an existing copier that is five years old. This copier is used by several county departments for high quality printing. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Holt asked if all of departments know of this printer? Casali stated yes and she will send out an E-mail when the printer arrives. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Wireless access points for the Sheriff's Department to download the latest versions of software and virus protection without having to remove their in-car computers from their cars. The cost is \$18,819.50. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Altman asked if this is encrypted? Casali stated yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Oracle support for Posse GIS system annual renewal at a cost of \$16,542.08. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Posse annual support maintenance agreement with Computronix. It is time and materials only. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **County Web Site**

Holt stated he read an article in Government Matters/GIS for State and Local Government on Westchester County doing "green" map aids where there would be a page on their web site that would tell about anything you wanted to do within the county of a "green" nature; ex: where parks are, where trails are, where household recycling centers are, etc. Holt asked Casali to report back at the next meeting if she thinks this would be a good idea and feasible to do on the county web site.

#### **Court Improvement Projects** [2:38]

Mr. Ollie Schierholz presented a list of proposed court improvement projects. Altman stated several of these projects are not budgeted, where are the funds going to be obtained? Schierholz stated they are either budgeted, encumbered or there are sufficient funds in the Court Administration budget. Altman asked if the maintenance budget will pay for these? Schierholz stated the jury room cabinets and the replacement of the cameras are being paid out of the maintenance budget and it was budgeted. Schierholz stated the remainder of the items may come out of the maintenance budget and if they can't afford them it would come out of the Court Administration budget. Altman stated they need to come out of the Court Administration budget because they are not planned; the same with the portable evidence presentation system. Schierholz stated they are still looking at different systems and it will probably come out of the 2009 budget. Altman asked if Schierholz wants to withdraw that request? Schierholz stated his intent is not to get all of these approved but to inform the Commissioners of what is coming in the future for the courts. The evidence system will be the only item on the list that he can withdraw as it will not happen this year. Altman asked what is Schierholz's request? Schierholz stated on the items with a dollar amount (#1 – jury room cabinets and electrical in seven (7) courts, #2 – replace cameras, monitors/speakers in eight (8) courts, #3 – sound system and wireless microphones in eight (8) courts), they be allowed to proceed with the low bidder. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Criminal Case Flow Study Grant**

Schierholz stated the State Supreme Court has made grant money available to the courts for Court Reform Projects, up to \$30,000 for a study and if approved \$40,000 the following year for implementation. The Hamilton County Courts have sent a letter of intent indicating that we would like to do a criminal case flow management study and have the Justice Institute conduct the study. Altman asked if this is a procedural type review? Schierholz stated it would be a review of everything; they would look at the Courts, Prosecutor, Clerk, Probation, and Sheriff's office. Holt motioned that upon selection the Commissioners approve the grant application. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Buildings and Grounds**

# **Court Improvement Projects**

Mr. Scott Warner stated the three quotes for court projects are well below what was budgeted and he had suggested that the funds remaining in the budgeted line items could help with the minor court projects, if it meets with the Commissioners approval. Altman stated Court Administration has money in his budget to do that.

# Fire Alarm Maintenance Agreement

Warner requested approval of the maintenance contract with Electrical Equipment Company for the Fairgrounds Fire Alarm and Sound System. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Delaware Township Assistance Appeal** [2:45]

Ms. Anika R. Davis, 11471 Harlequin Lane Apt. 513, Fishers, IN 46038. Ms. Davis stated she applied for utility and rent assistance from the Delaware Township Trustee. Davis has been unemployed since December 31, 2007 and she was denied unemployment after working five straight years. She was notified that she was denied rent assistance because it was over the limit and the utility assistance was denied due to a previous ability to pay, which is not correct. Davis is looking for a job and is substitute teaching but it does not pay enough. Davis stated she presented her check stubs to the Trustee and should know she does not have any extra money to pay anything. Her car payment is \$414 per month, rent is \$975 month, utilities are \$300 last month and she brings home \$200 a week, if that. Altman asked Davis if someone went through the township assistance guidelines with her? Davis stated no, but she was told that there are a couple of options for the rent; either they can pay the maximum level, be denied or pay half. Davis stated she does not understand after looking at everything she brought in why was it determined there was a previous ability to pay when there wasn't.

Ms. Debbie Driskell, Delaware Township Trustee. Altman asked if there is a copy of the written denial for the Commissioners to review? Driskell stated she assumed the Commissioners had that. Driskell will get copies for the Commissioners and return to the meeting.

# **Bid Award** [2:49]

# **Landscaping Bid**

Howard stated the BAM Outdoor Landscaping bid was split differently; their total base bid is \$87,296.91 which was the lowest responsive bidder. Warner recommended BAM Outdoor be awarded the landscaping bid for 2008. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Holt asked if this includes the upgrade in the annuals? Warner stated yes. Altman asked if Warner reviewed the bids and they ware responding to the same specifications? Warner stated he reviewed the low bid to make sure they met all of the specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

### Commissioner Committee Reports [2:51] Policy for Return of Lost Dogs to Owners

Dillinger stated he would like the policy on the return of lost dogs to owners addressed. Ollie Schierholz's daughter and son-in-law lost their dog and it was turned into the Humane Society for Hamilton County. Schierholz stated there may be a potential problem is that the county has ordinance Title 15, Article 2.1, Chapter 1 that lays out how animal control is to be handled in the county. There is a section on jurisdiction that states the county's ordinances will prevail unless a municipality within the county passes an ordinance regulating and prohibiting acts or omissions substantially similar to those acts and omissions set out in this chapter. The Town of Fishers has a Code of Ordinance Title 9, General Regulations Chapter 91, Animals, which covers the exact same things which are laid out by the county's ordinance. By the county's ordinance any animal that is impounded from Fishers falls under the Fishers ordinance, not Hamilton County's ordinance. The larger problem tends to be how we view animals; in legal terms animals are tangible personal property. In terms of tangible personal property for that property to be abandoned there are certain things that have to happen, the owner of the property has to consciously and overtly demonstrate that he or she no longer has an interest in that property for it to be abandoned. Absent that, anyone who finds that property is in second position with respect to ownership of the property. The original owner is still in first position. This means if the original owner demands the property back whoever has found the property has to return it to them or they are guilty of a crime of conversion. With respect to animals there is Indiana Case Law that upholds a finding of conversion in those instances. In terms of what happened, what he is telling the Commissioners in hearsay, it is his understanding that an animal was lost, the animal was found and turned in to the Humane Society. The owner contends that when the animal went missing the animal had a collar and veterinarian tag. He was told the Humane Society maintains the animal had no collar but it did have a blue ribbon around its neck. Animals that run wild would not have a blue ribbon around their neck so there is some evidence of ownership. When the owner identified the dog as theirs they were told the only way to get the dog back was to adopt it, which is a \$250 fee. Altman asked what is the time frame of losing the dog and going to the Humane Society? Schierholz stated he thinks it was seven days, but he is not sure. The Fishers ordinance has a 20 day hold period. Dillinger stated if you own a dog and are able to track it down to the Humane Society and it is your dog and they would not release the dog to you, are you not holding property of someone and why would you have to pay \$250. Dillinger stated he understands they would have to pay expenses, but not \$250; he has a problem with that. Altman stated we get charged "x" dollars per animal, they should at least cover our expenses. It is a flat fee for seven days. Holt stated if the dog is retrieved in the first 24 hours the county still pays the flat fee. Holt stated this is something that should be taken up with the Humane Society, our contract does not address this issue. Holt stated the more interesting point is the Fishers ordinance of 20 days; that may create a problem between Fishers and the Humane Society. Altman stated she disagrees with the contract analysis, our contract is for a seven day hold and we should be able to dictate what happens in those seven days. Holt stated he does not disagree, Schierholz stated he does not know if it was seven days. If it was eight days it would be different because at seven days the dog is not adoptable. Howard stated if it is a fee for taking care of the dog under the contractual arrangement the lost property issue gets skewed a little bit because there is an affirmative duty to remain control of the dog. Altman stated we need to talk with Fishers and tell them they need to handle their own dogs because it is getting too complicated if they want a 20 day hold. Holt stated we can make the Humane Society aware of it and they can contract for a different amount. The Humane Society is happy to hold them as long as they are being compensated, it should be a different dollar amount. Schierholz stated under the laws of equity no one would argue that if you kennel the dog for a certain amount of days you would have to pay for kenneling the dog. It almost borders on extortion if you tell someone they have to adopt the dog when you can prove it is your dog. That is a different issue of telling the owner they owe so much money for kenneling the dog. Altman stated the presumption is, under the county ordinance which should prevail in this instance, that seven days is the time to recover otherwise after seven days it is deemed abandoned in which case it is adoptable. Dillinger stated if it were not for the Humane Society after seven days the county would have euthanized the dog. Altman stated we do need to look at the policy. Altman asked Holt to look in to this and report on it at the next meeting.

# **Delaware Township Assistance Appeal** [3:04]

Driskell distributed a copy of the Notice of Action for Ms. Davis. There were three requests, rent, gas and electric. The denial for the rent was that it exceeds rent limits. Utilities were denied because of a previous ability to pay, which means after investigating we could see the resources had been there at the time the utilities were due. We have an expectation that the client would make that payment out of those resources rather than waiting until later when they may not have the ability to pay. The Trustee guidelines state that the Township will provide aid in whatever form is necessary to provide shelter or prevent the loss of shelter so long as such aid constitutes the most economical and practical method of relieving the applicant. Driskell stated they believe, after investigating the case, it was not a practical solution to keep someone housed where they can not afford to stay. The client had expressed that she had the ability to stay with friends. Altman asked how did Ms. Davis' income fall in line with assistance guidelines? Delaware Township Investigator Jan McCrory stated she calculated her net income to be \$701.89 but aside from income there were bank deposits totaling \$2,793.00; \$1,130 was given to her to pay the rent in March. Davis moved in the apartment in February, in March someone else paid her rent. This left a balance of \$1,663.87 and therein lays the problem because she did not use any of that money to pay her utility bills. On the application she had the opportunity to tell us where she had spent that money. Her explanations were food, gas, and dog food totaling \$800. There was still money left that could have been applied to her utility bills. The rent problem was that Ms. Davis applied for the apartment in December and at that time she had three jobs. McCrory stated she has spoken with the apartment manager and asked why they let her rent that apartment. The apartment manager stated Davis had passed her credit check and she had three jobs. Davis did not move into the apartment until February 1 and between the time she applied for the apartment and moved in she lost her means of income. McCrory asked the apartment manager if Davis could have cancelled the lease since her

income had changed so radically and the apartment manager told her yes, she would have forfeited a \$200 deposit and a \$60 application fee. She did not have to move into the \$970 apartment, where the average rent of a Delaware Township apartment is \$697. If we had paid the \$697 Davis would have had to come up with the remainder to keep her rent paid. When McCrory looked at her income, averaged it and projected it there was not going to be enough money to pay the rest of the rent. Even if we had paid her amount Davis would not have been able to come up with the rest of the rent payment. McCrory stated she asked Davis if she had anyone to help her and Davis did not have anyone to help her.

Altman stated township assistance is a one time assistance and we are trying to figure out if they had granted you assistance how you would subside long term. Davis stated there were two \$1,000 deposits made into her account to pay her February and March rent. The money came from her uncle and her ex-husband. Altman asked if there was no obligation to do that? Davis stated no. Her expenses are a car note of \$414 a month, she pays \$60 to \$80 a week to travel to her substitute teaching job in Greenwood. No, she did not have the previous ability to pay. If she had the money for utilities to pay, she did have three jobs but lost her job December 31, 2007. Davis stated she has an MBA and did not think it would be this difficult to find a job that is why she moved in to her apartment because she thought she would have a month to find a job. Altman stated with the deposits there was approximately \$800 unaccounted for. Davis stated that is not true, the deposits were made for her rent, deposits were made for the car note, she has not paid the insurance on her car and things she needs. It is not true. Holt stated if you were given money from family to pay your February and March rent, what month were you asking for assistance for? Davis stated for March, but her exhusband paid it for her. Davis stated she has a part-time job and if she is able to get her rent paid for this month she will be able to get back on her feet. Davis stated it was for April. Holt stated this is an appeal for something that took place in March. Davis stated it was for April. Holt asked what day would your rent have been paid to? Davis stated March 31. Holt stated you were being pro-active in your request? Davis stated yes, she knew she was not going to have the money. Rent is due the first of every month. Holt asked if there is a grace period? Davis stated five days, her rent is now late. Holt asked what is your income now with your part-time job? Davis stated she would estimate \$500 a week but she is still looking for a full time job, she has had three interviews. She has made payment arrangements for her utilities. Altman stated with the estimated income of \$2,000 a month Davis exceeds the guidelines. The window was when you were unemployed and that is the dilemma of trying to figure this out. Holt asked Davis if she was given the opportunity to explain where you would get the difference from the rent guidelines of \$697 and \$975? Davis stated no. Her substitute teaching job is not permanent; she may only work one or two days a week. Davis stated she does not know how that can be accumulated into her net worth. Altman stated if you are subbing in any school system you would be given an opportunity for a position every day of the week. Davis stated she works through Kelly Services. Altman stated it is what you able to do if you chose to do it. Holt stated the Trustee has to take a snapshot at a certain period of time on what your income is. Altman stated her concern is Davis' testimony and the Trustee's review of the bank statements on the ability to pay utilities. Altman would like Davis to talk with the Delaware Township Trustee to review the bank statements.

Altman called a break in the meeting. [3:17]

Altman called the meeting back to order. [3:30]

# **Delaware Township Assistance Appeal**

Holt stated the Delaware Township Trustee has requested a continuance in the appeal, they think they have found a solution.

# **Sheriff Uniforms**

Sheriff Carter requested the Commissioners identify what uniforms are official Sheriff Uniforms. Altman stated the issue is if it is adaptable to street wear and if so it is compensable and if it doesn't is it with a uniform allowance and then it does not show up on the W-2? Ryan Horine described the 15 different types of uniforms worn on the Sheriff's complex.

<u>Class A Dress Uniform</u> - standard special deputy most commonly worn in the Judicial Center by anyone who is not of full law enforcement power. Approved as non-taxable. Howard confirmed that the rules provide they are not to wear any of these uniforms on off-duty? Horine stated correct.

Soft Uniform – Black polo shirt with khaki pants. They have applied an insignia to the pants and shirt with the shirt including their name and rank. Standard black shoes and belt are also supplied. Howard stated insignias do not make a uniform. Polo shirts with insignia and names are one of the textbook items discussed by the IRS Compliance Officer. Putting an insignia and patches on it does not make it a uniform. Altman stated the question is if we think it is an appropriate uniform, would the comfort of wearing that uniform be worth it to you to have the cost of the clothing included in the employee's W-2? The employee would be paying the incremental tax on the value of the uniform. Howard stated by the IRS rules this uniform can be worn on personal time, by the Sheriff's rules it can not be worn on personal time. Dillinger stated if we have rules that the uniform can not be worn on personal time; does that meet the IRS code? Howard stated no, there are two tests and the rule is that both tests must be met. Your rules prohibit the wearing of the article on private time **and** it is not readily adaptable. Carter asked if the employee is taxed on the uniform, who owns it? Howard stated the exception is, as the policy is drafted, if it has the insignia on it, it has to be returned at the end of employment. Altman stated if it were her she would bear the cost of the tax to be comfortable. Dillinger asked if this uniform would be legal for an average citizen to wear? Carter stated no, not with the insignia. Dillinger stated isn't that some delineation of whether it is a uniform or not? Howard stated that would be an argument. Holt asked if the soft uniforms are required to be turned in upon termination? Carter stated historically no, this uniform was born on a trip that he and Commissioner Altman took to California. Prior to that time there was a variety of uniforms around the agency and to bring consistency to everyone involved and to bring them identity this was the uniform we chose. This is the exact uniform we saw in Los Angeles. Holt asked Howard if under our rules that you can't wear it off duty and you have to return it upon termination of service, does that not get us over the hurdle? Howard stated that helps, the rule is readily adaptable and one of the cases was an auto mechanic that replaced his uniform because it was destroyed by oil and grease and he could not deduct it. Holt stated an auto mechanic verses a law enforcement officer who is required under the terms of his employment that he can't leave with his uniform is different. Howard stated it is different. Dillinger stated it would be illegal for an average citizen to wear it and be misrepresenting law enforcement. Howard stated that is why we are asking the Commissioners to make the decision. Altman asked if we could have an ordinance that states the county is supplying the uniforms if you wear them for any

purposes other than work? Howard stated that is in the Sheriff's manual, they can be discharged if they wear the uniform for anything other than work. Howard stated we have rules in place that make it onerous.

Star Unit in Juvenile Center – black polo shirt with no badge of authority and names only on the shirt. The secure half of the building wears a badge on their shirt and standard duty belt. Howard stated the shirt with no badge will be taxable. Altman stated it does not pass the IRS rules but as Commissioners do we have an issue with taxpayers paying dollars for that uniform if it were included in W-2's? Howard stated he does not think there would be a problem. Dillinger stated that uniform the employee could take with them. Howard stated you don't want somebody misrepresenting a law enforcement officer. If you pull the authority of being a law enforcement officer they need to turn in all of the equipment at the end of their service. Holt stated the theory is you are still getting the value because you can wear it to the mall. Horine stated their recommendation would be to add the Hamilton County logo to the shirt or the Sheriff's star and clearly identify them. Holt stated or not add the logo and put it on the employee's W-2.

<u>Nurse Uniform</u> – scrub uniform with a badge of authority on the shirt and pants. Howard stated medical scrubs are ok. Uniform is non-taxable.

<u>Corrections Staff Uniform</u> – both Juvenile Center Secure side and Adult Jail there is an option of wearing a pull-over with BDU pants. Altman stated we need to go with two or three uniforms. Horine stated they have the option of a long sleeve BDU military, the pullover, and the short sleeve. Holt asked why would you not put the logo on the trousers as you did on the brown uniform? Horine stated it is a different material and can not be embroidered.

Civil Sheriff – Uniform is non-taxable.

<u>Standard Crash Team Uniform</u> – red T-shirt with yellow lettering that is worn to a crash site for safety purposes. Uniform is non-taxable.

K-9 Team Uniform - military fatigues – Uniform is non-taxable.

Standard Brown Sheriff's Uniforms – Uniforms are non-taxable.

Howard asked what are the Commissioners going to do with the polo shirts? They should be taxed. Holt stated the new uniform should be acceptable (black polo with insignia and khaki pants with insignia). Carter stated they have approximately 140 staff dressed in this uniform.

Parks Maintenance Uniforms

Commissioners approved the Parks Department maintenance uniforms as non-taxable.

Verizon Wireless Security Contract

Carter requested approval of the Verizon Wireless Security Contract for 2008 with the Sheriff's Office. Dillinger motioned to approve. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Spay Neuter Clinic Request for New Door

Holt stated the Spay Neuter Clinic staff has requested installation of a new door from the lobby to the work area. The quote is in the amount of \$3,500. Holt motioned to authorize an expenditure of \$3,500 to the facility. Dillinger seconded. Warner stated they have received a second quote. Holt stated we will have to look at it at the next meeting.

# **Downtown Noblesville Christmas Lighting**

Ms. Mary Sue Rowland stated the Downtown Strategic Action Committee along with Noblesville Main Street, Master Gardeners and Noblesville Tree City USA has a mission to light up downtown Noblesville. Rowland stated the focus is the downtown square and requested permission to string white LED lights on the 44 trees located on the downtown square for year round lights. The trees would be wrapped in a professional way with 10 strands per tree. They would like to wrap the trees before the leaves come on the trees. We have a seven to 10 day window to complete this project. The cost to the county is \$1.00 per month for electrical usage. Altman asked if someone adjusts the lights so the trees are not choked? Rowland stated they will have a professional show them how to install the lights and will use the interior branches only. Altman asked if the group is willing to commit that it will not affect the health of the trees? Rowland stated yes. Altman asked how did you plan to connect tree to tree? Rowland stated the trees will be built from the bottom up and hook tree to tree from the top in four quadrants. Four ground plugs will have to be moved closer to the trees and kept in the mulch areas. Dillinger stated he asked for a lighting engineer put the lights up. Rowland stated Wayne Wheeler, Automated Irrigation, is our supplier and will personally oversee the installation. Rowland has requested permission from the Mayor that Noblesville Street Department personnel help with a bucket truck. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dillinger stated the county will move the receptacles.

# **EMA Interim Director** [4:03]

Altman stated Arvin Copeland has submitted his resignation. The EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss a permanent replacement. Holt motioned to appoint David Bice as Interim EMA Director. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Hamilton County Plan Commission Appointment** [4:04]

Dillinger stated we need to rescind the Commissioner's appointment of Tim Clark to the Hamilton County Plan Commission because he is a Republican and therefore does not meet the statute that the appointment must be a Democrat. Altman so moved. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dillinger stated he has found a Democrat, Tom Clover, who lives in White River Township and is willing to serve. Altman so moved. Dillinger seconded. Holt stated he resents this, it was not on the agenda last time and you both know what his feelings are. If it was an agenda item he would like to hear from some other people why this is a mistake and why the vote that was taken that upset your constituents was the right vote. It had to do with the preservation of the White River, what are zoning ordinance was and what the density is of building a home on the White River. If you have a problem with that you probably should change more membership so you can get a higher density of residents on White River. Holt stated he knows a number of his fellow Plan Commission members would like to be here to address this. It was passed the last time without being on the agenda and now you are bringing it up again for action and it is not on the agenda. It is his understanding over the past 19 years the things that we deal with at this meeting are things that are placed on the agenda so members of the public can address the Board of Commissioners and have the opportunity to take off work to do that. This does not pass the basic fairness test to not hear from people. It was a missguided issue the last time and believes it is a miss-guided issue today. To not have it on the agenda and not have the ability to have the public address this is not consistent on how this Board does business. Altman stated it has been on

the pending items, we have been accessible by E-mail or correspondence. Dillinger stated our appointments were designated to be made since the first meeting in January and it has been tabled ever since. To try to get a consensus on a governing board to replace or not replace someone is terribly inappropriate, we have never done that. Holt stated no one told him that Tim Clark was being removed today, that is not on any agenda. Dillinger stated we did not remove him, by statute he could never be appointed to the Commission and we were not aware of that. Holt stated he would prefer to wait until the next meeting. Dillinger motioned to table. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Health Department**

Dillinger stated he has looked at office space in the strip center west of Riverview Hospital with the potential of moving the Health Department. There is 15,000 square feet available and Riverview is discussing expanding their facility in the strip center but they do not need the entire 15,000 square feet. Dillinger has discussed leasing that portion with Riverview taking the back half with the county taking the front half for the Health Department. There are two prices; Dillinger was quoted \$6.20 square foot plus \$2.00 for common areas and utilities. The hospital has received a lesser quote. The hospital is interested in a joint venture. Dillinger stated the Health Department currently occupies 5,500 square feet with future expansion they would need 8,000 to 10,000 square feet. This would be moving the entire department. Altman asked if we have fiber to that facility? BJ Casali stated no, we can lease fiber from AT&T but to use the Posse application they would need fiber. Altman stated we need to pursue this. Holt asked Warner and Casali to get an estimate on build out of the space.

#### 146<sup>th</sup> Street and Allisonville Road Zoning

Altman stated we had the mis-understanding at the highway meeting that the project on the southwest corner of 146<sup>th</sup> Street and Allisonville Road was not proceeding, it is proceeding and the Commissioners have received a Notice of Public Hearing on April 15, 2008. Altman asked if the Commissioners want to pass on their concerns regarding road cuts? Davis stated the county highway department has sent a letter expressing the concerns to the Fishers Planning Commission. Holt would like to send another letter from the Commissioners. Fred Swift will prepare the letter.

#### **Use of Downtown Square**

### **Democratic Party Political Rally**

Mr. Fred Swift stated the Democratic County Chairman has requested permission to hold a political rally on the courthouse square on either April 26 or May 3, 2008 for an appearance by Senator Obama. Howard stated the county's personnel policy prohibits solicitation in the office, but on the grounds there is no prohibition. Swift stated the Inspector's meeting and instruction is scheduled for May 3 at 10:00 a.m. which may create a parking issue. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Noblesville Main Street**

Noblesville Main Street has requested use of the square on July 5, August 2, September 6, and October 4, 2008 to hold a Fine Arts and Crafts display. August 2 there is a conflict with the Cultural Arts and he would propose to hold his event on the Judicial Center back patio. Holt motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Altman stated she is concerned that with one group using the facility so much are we precluding other groups? Swift stated he suspects that most of the groups have made their requests by now. Motion carried unanimously.

Holt left the meeting. [4:22]

# **Administrative Assistant**

# **Voter Registration Part-Time Employees**

Swift stated the Voter Registration office has three part-time employees who have exceeded their overtime restrictions during the rush of business prior to the registration deadline. Swift approved this due to the payroll submittal deadline and requested the Commissioners approval. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Hamilton County Hospital Association Appointment**

Swift stated the Commissioners appointment to the Hamilton County Hospital Association expired April 4, 2008. Evan Kellum would like to continue his appointment. Dillinger motioned to re-appoint Evan Kellum and Carl Steele to the Hamilton County Hospital Association. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Hamilton County Economic Development Commission**

Dillinger motioned to re-appoint Joe Edwards to the Economic Development Commission. Altman seconded Motion carried unanimously.

# **Fishers Wage Determination Committee**

Dillinger motioned to appoint Jonathan Valenta to the Fishers Wage Determination Committee. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Noblesville Schools Wage Determination Committee**

Dillinger motioned to appoint Kevin Brinegar to the Noblesville Schools Wage Determination Committee. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Weights and Measures Annual Meeting

Swift stated Cary Woodard has requested permission to attend the annual Weights and Measures Conference, July 13-17, 2008 in Burlington, Vermont. Altman asked if those would be the only days out that the county would pay for? Swift stated correct. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Hoosier Heritage Port Authority**

Altman will be attending the meeting of the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority tonight to make sure we are all on the same page on utilizing the rail line for transit and connectivity from the county's line to Union Station. Altman will also make sure they are monitoring the track abandonment by CSX in the area.

# CIRTA

Altman stated we tabled including CIRTA (Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority) in the county's Baker Donelson contract. It has been confirmed that CIRTA's requests will be from a separate pot of federal money. Altman requested permission to pursue discussions with Jan Powell on including CIRTA on our contract. Dillinger so moved. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Attorney** [4:27]

### Ordinance 4-14-08-A, Surveyor Fees

Howard stated Kenton Ward has proposed Ordinance 4-14-08-A, An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, Adopting an Administrative Fee in Relation to the Certification of Alcoholic Beverage Permits by The Hamilton County Surveyor. The Surveyor is required by law to do a search of people who should be notified of Alcoholic Beverage Hearings. The Surveyor is requesting a \$100 administrative fee for certification of the permits and it be paid into the Hamilton County Electronic Data Fund (#125) with appropriation of funds subject to County Council approval. Altman motioned to introduce for first reading Ordinance 4-14-08-A for consideration at the next Board meeting. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Chair Quotes**

Howard stated quotes have been received for 100 swivel and high back chairs. The quotes have been forwarded to Scott Warner for review and recommendation at the next meeting. Quotes received:

		Swivel Chairs	High Back Chairs
Sweitzers		\$28,522	\$31,344
Continental		\$26,180	\$28,050
Muncie Office	Instant	\$21,950	\$25,975
	HON	\$26,281	\$28,851

#### **Retainage Escrow Agreement**

Howard requested approval of a Retainage Escrow Agreement with Diversified Painting Company for the County Corrections Complex Phase III project. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Auditor**

#### Uniforms

Ms. Robin Mills asked Mike Howard to include an indemnification of the Auditor in the Uniform Ordinance. The Commissioners agreed.

<u>EMA</u> – Dillinger motioned to approve as a uniform. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Parks Department Maintenance Uniform</u> – Altman motioned that this be determined a uniform. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Buildings and Grounds</u> – Warner stated they are working on changing their uniforms and working with the highway department on a joint uniform contract. Warner and Davis will bring samples of the uniforms to the next meeting.

<u>Coroner</u> – approved at March 25, 2008 meeting.

<u>Community Corrections</u> – fleece is not an approved uniform.

#### **Purdue Extension Service Agreement**

Mills requested approval of the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Government of Hamilton County, Indiana. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# Release of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board

Mills requested release of Bonds and Letters of Credit for the Drainage Board. 1) HCDB-2005-00031 – Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Subdivision Bond #5016095 for Glen Oaks Subdivision monuments and markers - \$4,800.00. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Clerk's Monthly Report**

Mills requested approval of the Monthly Report of the Clerk of the Circuit Court dated February 2008. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Payroll Claims**

Mills requested approval of Payroll Claims for the period of March 10-23, 2008 paid April 4, 2008. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Vendor Claims**

Mills requested approval of Vendor Claims to be paid April 15, 2008. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Casali Request to Carryover Vacation Days**

Ms. BJ Casali requested permission to carryover no more than three (3) vacation days no later than the end of May 2008. Thursday is her anniversary date and she has three days to use. Altman asked how did this come up knowing the policy? Casali stated her sister is critically ill and she reserved these days for personal reasons. According to the Personnel Policy she has three months to use these days, with the Commissioners approval. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman recessed the meeting to Conference Room 1A.

# Change Order - Jail Project

Mr. John Barbee requested approval of a Change Order for fiber between the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center for security systems. The cost will be \$18,000 or less. We were going to use existing fiber but as we have done further research it is going to use more than we originally thought and the county would like to reserve those fibers for information systems. Dillinger motioned to approve the request. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Hamilton County Seat – Downtown Study**

Mr. Larry Dawson, stated they presented a status report of the Hamilton County Seat – Downtown Study to the Noblesville Downtown Economic Study Group on Friday, April 11, 2008. No documents were handed out and they seemed receptive. It appears that Noblesville's plan and the County's plan seem to blend with the Commissioners maintaining all of their options to solve the problem. Dawson stated this presentation is the final product to the study, minus costs. As we refine which option the Commissioners want we will prepare the costs. Altman asked to have the costs of several build out options. Howard recommended the Commissioners allocate space for projection with offices. Mr. John Barbee noted that statistics have been updated to include the special census numbers for Fishers that was just certified. Mr. Michael Koyak presented the three concepts.

Concept #1 – takes advantage of the county's existing property south of SR 32 (south parking lot) with a 90,000 square foot, 3-story office building surrounded by a five level parking garage with 1,260 spaces. The garage will be built with some of it at a sub-level to control the height relative to the Judicial Center. The Judicial Center will be expanded to the west on property controlled by the county. Altman asked what is the water table? Koyak stated the 100 year flood elevation is 761.5', the road grade is 767'. Dillinger asked what is the courthouse? Koyak stated 775' for the first floor. Koyak stated the first floor elevation of the new office building will be controlled by the 100 year flood elevation. Koyak stated the number one disadvantage is the traffic routing through the neighborhood. Current parking spaces to the north would be utilitized with the two existing parking lots of 57 spaces and 78 spaces. Total parking created would be 1,395 spaces. Dillinger asked if we would still need the north parking spaces with a five level parking garage? Koyak stated yes, we are planning on doubling of governmental services (employees) by 2040, including visitors and juries. Another disadvantage would be that the office building would only have windows on two sides, the other two sides of the building would be surrounded with the parking garage. Altman stated the functionality of the parking garage will control where we put the buildings. Koyak stated the interconnectivity between the Judicial Center and the new building could be an overhead structure or an underground structure.

Dawson stated there is one commonality between the three concepts and we want to protect the courthouse square with no plans for growth.

Concept #2 – the 90,000 square foot office building will be located on the north side of the Judicial Center on Logan Street on the existing city parking lot. An "L" shaped parking structure would be built northeast of the office building of five levels and 706 spaces. South of SR 32 would have another parking garage of five levels with 820 spaces and surface parking of 108 spaces. Concept #2 yields a total of 1,634 parking spaces. One of the advantages is the dispersion of parking spaces and the proximity of the places they are going to serve. Another advantage of the "L" shaped parking structure north of Logan Street is that it is better situated to be utilized by downtown Noblesville during the county's non-use hours. The disadvantage is the north garage is inefficient due to its odd shape. Two parking structures would have to be maintained and another pedestrian connector would have to be built from the north lot to the 90,000 square foot office building. The south parking garage would be a very high structure, which esthetically would be an issue with the area homeowners. Altman stated she does not want to invest in a 90,000 square foot office building next to a power sub-station.

Concept #3 – the five level parking garage is south of SR 32 with 1,444 spaces. The 90,000 square foot office building would be in the same location as Concept #2. The north parking would remain surface parking with 135 spaces for a total of 1,579 parking spaces. Concept #3 provides flexibility for future expansion, the parking garage is a rectangle and very efficient, the office building will have windows on all four sides but is located next to the power station. A disadvantage would be using the parking garage south of SR 32 would be a long traverse to the office building north of the Judicial Center as well as how people would move between the two buildings to and from the parking garage.

Dillinger asked if they looked at building the new office building west of the proposed built out Judicial Center? Koyak stated no, that area due to the proximity and the shape of a 90,000 square foot building with the proposed 112,000 square foot expansion for the Judicial Center. Altman stated the space study was based on using the same size courtroom as we currently use. The size of the courtrooms could be cut by 40% to 50% and they could share courtrooms. Dillinger asked Howard if it is usual for a judge to have their own courtroom all of the time? Howard stated yes, that is typical. Altman stated the problem is cases are settled at the last minute and the courtroom has been reserved for the case. Howard stated every courtroom is probably scheduled full-time and they are probably double and tripled scheduled. If the square footage is programmed based on the current size courtrooms, you could put a .5 factor to the additional square footage. Dillinger stated we have so much wasted space for hallways in the Judicial Center. Barbee stated the Judicial Center grossing factor (hallways, elevators, and stairways) is 1.37%; the grossing factor in the 90,000 square feet building is 1.25%. Altman asked if that is typical grossing of a Meridian Corridor office buildings? Koyak stated yes. Koyak stated they have added seven (7) courtrooms at 6,500 square feet each which includes office space. Howard suggested the courts be changed to 2,200 square feet. Altman stated the size of the ancillary services could also be cut. Dawson stated with this plan you have a Step 1 you can address the office building and parking or you can do any combination. Step 2 would address how to re-utilize this building after we have the offices moved out of the Judicial Center and the Historic Courthouse. Step 3 of adding courtrooms is in the future. Step 4 is to do something that will allow the county offices to stay in downtown Noblesville for the very long term to keep everything compacted downtown. Storage has to be addressed, paper can not be stored for 20 years. We need to look at the infrastructure of the IT system, we can't keep rambling the growth. We also need to look at transportation. Altman asked if they looked at any alternative transportation by using remote sites? Dawson stated they have not but it is an important component for the long term. If we can protect a major block of land for parking or office, we could handle any emergency in 2040 with remote parking and transportation. Dillinger stated with the redevelopment of the west side of the river, we could go to the west side of the river. Dawson stated you could but you can not do anything in the long term without figuring out how we are going to add 5,000 to 10,000 cars a day over the bridges. Howard stated the Field Drive Bridge has brought the traffic levels down immensely. Dawson stated when we are ready to start this project they would ask that the planning stages include parking, traffic, IT system, storage for electronic storage systems, as well as office space. Dawson stated he understands what Altman is saying about the property on the north side but if we could raise it up and give an improved view, that piece of ground can not be used for a parking garage. Altman stated the only value is that it is next to the Judicial Center and if we separate the functions it is court only she does not see that much connectivity between the two buildings. Koyak stated it helps distribute people visiting the new

office building by getting them out of the congested southwest corner. Altman stated she does not see that corner being congested, she expects another bridge will be built south of that location in the next 10 years.

Dawson would like the Commissioners to know that the needs can be tailored, they can bring a price forward to come up with an office building and a parking solution that can be taken to the State in a hearing and then the DLFG. We would have nothing designed at that point; we will know we have approval to address the worst case scenario. We have a multi-layered approach to do these one or two projects at a time to do it over the long term and you can stay in downtown Noblesville.

Altman would like the costs for Concept #1. We want 1,260 spaces in a parking garage with options on the 90,000 square feet on completion in phases. It makes sense to build the outside structure and then build out the inside as we need it. Dawson stated if the building is built closer to the river and if we build a parking garage we won't have to build 100% of the parking garage now. One of the things we told the City of Noblesville is that we have a need for approximately 424 employee parking spaces now, we can provide 422 spaces with all of the south lot and the First Indiana lot (when it is finished out). The infringement on Noblesville is with jurors and when we put jurors in county employee spaces then we knock our employees out and 20% of the visitor load. The county will need 1,300 parking spaces in 2040. All of the parking garages can be built with connectors between them. Altman stated the direction should be how many spaces do you think we need? Are you saying no parking garage at this point? Dawson stated no, to address the immediate problem a parking garage has to be put on that space along with the office building. It does not have to be the full garage. Howard stated you will need more land because you will have to find places for over 200 employees to park during construction. Altman stated maybe during construction we shuttle employees or use the Kahlo lot. We will figure that out later. Altman asked Dillinger how big a building do we want them to cost out? The 90,000 does not address the courts. Dawson stated it does address it some what; we will have empty space in the building when we build it. We move in and fix all of the non-court offices and then if we have to remodel the Judicial Center or the Historic Courthouse we have space to move them. The Commissioners asked Envoy and Structurepoint to price out 1) 90,000 square foot building with stages of completion; 2) two 45,000 square feet tower office buildings; 3) 600 space parking garage.

Meeting adjourned. [5:52]

#### **Commissioners Correspondence**

Resignation Letter from Arvin Copeland, EMA Director of Administration

Notice of Public Hearings:

17840 Cumberland Road – City of Noblesville

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1575 Pleasant Street – City of Noblesville

2375 Pleasant Street - City of Noblesville

14470, 14480, 14550 and 14560 Allisonville Rd. – Town of Fishers

The Legacy – City of Carmel

Notice of Neighborhood Meeting for The Legacy PUD, 146<sup>th</sup> Street & River Road

INDOT Advance Notice of 60-day Public Review of National Register Eligibility Results – Indiana's Historic Bridge Inventory

INDOT Group IV "Call for Projects"

Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC Notice of Transmittals

Bridge No. 224, Allisonville Road over Stony Creek

IDEM Receipt of Air Permit Application

Indiana Bell Telephone – Carmel

Southeastern Ready Mix - Vevay

IDEM Notice of Sewer Permit Application

Kendall Wood – Carmel

IDEM Notice of Sanitary Sewer Construction Permit Application

Guilford Patio Homes – Carmel

Extension at Jumper Lane Low-Pressure Grinder Pump – Carmel

The Legacy Residential, Section One, Phase One - Carmel

#### **Present**

Christine Altman, Commissioner

Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner

Steven A. Holt, Commissioner

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners

Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

Michael Howard, Attorney

Darren Murphy, Attorney

Doug Carter, Sheriff

Brad Davis, Highway Director

Jim Neal, County Highway Engineer

Joel Thurman, Highway Project Engineer

Brandy Wariner, Highway Public Service Representative

Dave Lucas, Highway Staff Engineer

Robert Chadwell, Highway Inspector

Mark Fisher, Highway Project Engineer

Christopher Burt, Highway Engineering Technician

Tim Knapp, Highway Right-of-Way Manager

Matt Knight, Highway Bridge Program Engineer

Faraz Khan, Highway Staff Engineer

Kathy Howard, Highway Department Administrative Manager

Bob Davis, Highway Superintendent

Rob Borders, Noblesville Daily Times

Jeff Curts, Concerned Citizen

Scott Warner, Buildings and Grounds

BJ Casali, ISSD

Ken Cox, Security

Jason Brooks, Lawn & Landscape

Becki Wise, USI

Patti Smith, BLN

Taniz Lopez, Indianapolis Star

Denny Neidigh, CMI

Mary Sue Rowland, Main Street - Downtown Plan Commission

David Bice, EMA

Debbie Driskell, Delaware Township Trustee

Jan McCrory, Delaware Township Investigator

Michael Koyak, Structurepoint John Barbee, Envoy

Larry Dawson, Envoy

Dan Stevens, Sheriff's Department

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